GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MERGER OF IDES AND MES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to merge the Indian Defence Estate Service (IDES) with the Military Engineers Service (MES);

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether this merger is being undertaken to handover the control of democratically elected Cantonment Boards to the Defence Forces; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): An exercise has been undertaken for streamlining the administration of cantonments, better management of Defence Estates and bringing about greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in running the various organisations including the Indian Defence Estates Service/Military Engineering Service under Ministry of DefenceA committee has been constituted to go into the various issues involved.

(c) & (d): In view of above question does not arise.